(d) if so, whether the basic objective of improving the quality and spread of primary education would suffer for want of finances?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) With the imposition of the Education Cess it became possible to increase BE 2005-06, for Elementary Education by Rs. 6492 crore over BE 2004-05.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

ACP benefit to Nursery Teachers

2733. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is mandatory for Nursery Teachers, who possess Nursery Teachers Training (NTT) to do B.Ed. for the purpose of getting Assured Career Progression in Delhi;

(b) if so, since when this policy has been adopted; and

(c) if not, the reasons for which such Nursery Teachers have been denied the benefit of Assured Career Progression?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (c) Government of NCT of Delhi has informed that in respect of Nursery Teachers the condition of acquiring higher qualification *i.e.* B.Ed. for grant of ACP is not mandatory. Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) have informed that they have not implemented Assured Career Progression (ACP) Scheme for their teachers. New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) has informed that it is mandatory for Nursery Teachers to have B.Ed. for the purpose of getting ACP. NDMC have adopted this policy since 12.07.2004. Government of NCT of Delhi and NDMC have intimated that no Nursery Teacher has been denied the benefit of ACP.